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## **Red Lake Man Sentenced in Murder Case**

Minneapolis - A member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was sentenced today to 292 months in federal prison for a September, 2006, murder on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Jacob John Lussier, also known as Jacob John Martin, had earlier pled guilty to one count of second-degree murder in connection to the shooting death of Harley James Sayers.

Court documents in this case indicate that on September 30, 2006, the Red Lake Department of Public Safety received a call that someone had been shot at a home on the reservation. When officers arrived at the scene, they were directed to the back of the residence. There, they found a deceased man on the ground, the apparent victim of a fatal gunshot. That man was later identified as Sayers. In entering his guilty plea in February of this year, Lussier admitted he had shot Sayers twice with a twelve-gauge shotgun.

Today's sentence was imposed by United States District Court Judge Michael J. Davis.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Red Lake Department of Public Safety. The prosecutors in the matter were Assistant United States Attorneys Nathan P. Petterson and Michael A. Dees.

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